## **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Specie 1, claim 74. Claims 75 and 76 have been withdrawn. New claims 77 and 78 have been added by this amendment. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications, if necessary, to proceed with the examination of the non-elected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the claims of this application is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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